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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Nineteen Seventeen.

My dear President Falconer:-

This letter is written to you in extreme confidence. Perhaps you may have seen in the public print that there has been some agitation against Doctor Anton H. Appelmann, our Professor of German. It is my judgment he is a high-minded man and that the suspicions of "anti-American activities" entertained against him are entirely unwarranted.

In a personal heart to heart conversation with Former President Taft on the train day before yesterday, he informed me that you had taken a similar position in defending your German colleagues in the University of Toronto and at his suggestion I am writing to you to ascertain the facts. If you feel it proper to give me a statement of your policy and the action of your University, it will prove very helpful to me in presenting the case of Doctor Appelmann to our Board of Trustees. Thanking you in advance for any information you may send me, I remain with expressions of high regard,

Faithfully yours,

Henry D. Bailey
President.

President R. A. Falconer, LL.D.,
University of Toronto,
Toronto,
Canada.

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President Guy Potter Penton,
University of Vermont,
Burlington, Vt.

My dear President Penton:

At present Dr. Parkin of the Rhodes Trust
is in the United States. His address is "The Shoreham", Washington,
D.C.

We had a very interesting visit from Dr.
Godfrey last week at the Conference of the Universities of the
Dominion, and he prevailed upon our Conference to nominate members
to consult with your Committee in Washington some time after the
middle of June. I hope to be able to make my arrangements so that
I may be one of those who will attend, though I am doubtful whether
we have a very great deal from our experience that we can add to the
thoroughly well organised arrangements which Dr. Godfrey reported to
us that you have already made.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

